

ARA's International Development Fund

Australian Rogaining Association

Background

In 2008, the Australian Rogaining Association (ARA) established an International Development Fund (IDF) to assist with the development of rogaining in other countries. This fund is managed by the ARA's IDF Fund Committee.

Support Guidelines

Support may be provided to assist the development of rogaining outside of Australia. This particularly applies in countries or regions where rogaining is at a formative stage.

The type of support that may be provided include loans or grants. In the case of grants, the group seeking the support should expect to pay a significant portion of the cost.

The fund may be applied to initiatives such as:

- To assist in the development of a democratic and representative National Peak Rogaining body where one does not currently exist.
- To support the conduct of a rogaining event in a country or region where rogaining has not previously been conducted.
- To assist rogaining bodies to procure basic equipment for the organisation of rogaining events.
- Underwrite the organisation of a major international rogaining event's up-front costs, such as mapping and promotion.
- Subsidised travel costs for a suitably experienced rogainer to visit a country to provide technical and/or administrative support for the development of regaining, or for the conduct of a key rogaining event.

Eligibility

Rogaining groups are eligible to apply for support under this program.

Submissions made from regions where a National Peak Rogaining Body exists must include a letter of endorsement from that body.

To be eligible for support, a rogaining group must demonstrate that rogaining has a strong long term future in their region. Including that:

- Demand exists in the form of a substantial pool of potential competitors.
- Sufficient volunteers available to support events.
- Suitable rogaining terrain.

Application Process

Submissions for support under this scheme should be made by in writing to the ARA Secretary. Submissions will be assessed each six months, with applications closing on **30 April** and **31 October** each year.

Applicants will be advised of the outcome of their submission not more than six weeks after the end of the application closing period.

Submissions may be accepted in full, or only in part, or not at all. The IDF Committee shall not be required to assign any reason for its support or non-support of any submission.

The IDF Committee may also attach any conditions that they deem reasonable to the approval of a submission.

A submission may be made directly by the country/ region to which the submission refers, or be made on their behalf by any Member of the ARA.

Contacts

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For further information about the Australian Rogaining Association, refer to the ARA website <u>http://rogaine.asn.au</u>.

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